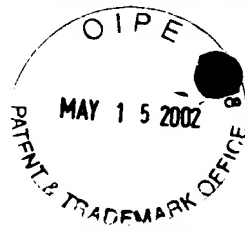


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In response to the Election Requirement dated April 15, 2002, Applicants elect without traverse Group I, Claims 1-6 drawn to a semiconductor device. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that an examination on the merits of Claims  
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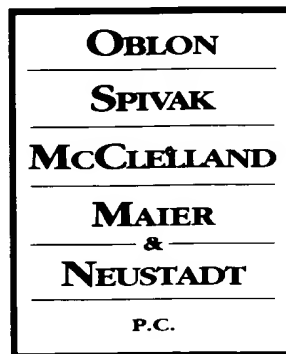
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